

James MAYANJA tribute SCOLA AGM 5 July 2022

Date of Funeral: 21/04/2021

Date of passing: 11 April 2021, aged 66 years

Dr James MAYANJA, LL B(Hons) Makerere; LL M (Lond); Ph D (Monash); Dip LP (Law Dev Centre)

Senior lecturer, University of Southern Queensland · School of Law and Justice

James taught during his career across many units in corporations and commercial law, such as Corporations law, corporate governance, law of associations, law & policy capstone.

He settled in Toowoomba after emigrating from Kampala, Uganda. His family including his wife Jan and children Valerian, Carl and Kathryn and grandchildren settled in Toowoomba, engaging with the community via schools, the university and other community organisations. We know that he was very proud of his family and he would update us at conferences with his children's various achievements and milestones such as music, school, year 12 events etc.

His research included incisive analysis and commentary on directors duties, takeovers regulation, shareholders rights and securities litigation, published in journals such as UNSW Law Journal, Australian Journal of Corporate Law,

James was a member of the Corporate Law Teachers Association for his entire career in Australia, which commenced at the University of Southern Queensland in 1996. Many would remember his quiet dignity and careful scholarship. For much of the 1990s and 2000s, James was our dedicated photographer. James retired in December 2020.

At the time of his retirement, his VC Prof Geraldine MacKenzie circulated a testimonial of James' career, an excerpt of which appears below.

James began at this University as a Lecturer on 18 March 1996. He was promoted to Senior Lecturer precisely on the day the new millennium began, 1 January 2001! James has naturally been a mainstay for the School in the teaching of company law. He taught Law of Business Organisations in the BCom and BBus programs for many years, and after the School of Law (and Justice) was established occasionally also taught Company Law in the LLB and JD. James has added to this portfolio by teaching a number of commercial law electives. Always having an interest in the securities market, James also developed and taught Law of Capital Markets at graduate level. In the last few years, James has again been teaching Company Law in the LLB and JD.

James' research has had a strong focus on companies and securities law. He has many publications in the *Australian Journal of Corporate Law*, and also has journal articles in the *Corporate and Business Law Journal*, the *Trade Practices Law Journal*, the *Australian Business Law Review*, the *Insolvency Law Journal*, the *Australian Bar Review* and the *University of New South Wales Law Journal*. The article in the *UNSW Law Journal* saw James win First Prize for the School-based Publication Awards for 2014. James was Chair of the Research Committee of the Department of Law (in the old Faculty of Commerce).

Many of us have appreciated James' interest in photography. James went beyond the call of duty to make sure we had a good photographic record of University events.

James is always calm and courteous, has a broad academic curiosity, is encouraging to colleagues by his attendance at seminars etc, and writes beautifully and effortlessly. A colleague has described James as a kind gentleman, who has often given uplifting and supportive comments.

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A proud James Mayanja with his daughter Kathryn Mayanja at the Downlands College Valedictory Mass
. Picture: Nev Madsen